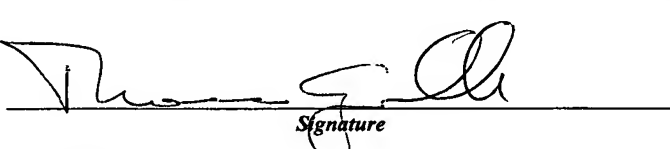
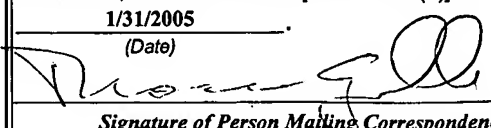


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)					Docket No. 15174	
In Re Application Of: Katsumi Sasaki						
Application No. 10/029,627	Filing Date December 21, 2001	Examiner Vy Q. Bui	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3731	Confirmation No. 5083	
Invention: SURGICAL OPERATION INSTRUMENT						
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:						
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>9/21/2004</u> above-identified application. <small>Date</small>						
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):						
<input type="checkbox"/> One month <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months						
from: <u>12/21/2004</u> until: <u>2/21/2005</u> <small>Date Date</small>						
The fee for the extension of time is \$450 and is to be paid as follows:						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19/1013/SSMP						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19/1013/SSMP						
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.						
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.						
 <small>Signature</small>			Dated: January 31, 2005			
Thomas Spinelli Registration No.: 39,533						
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			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on <u>1/31/2005</u> <small>(Date)</small></p><p> <small>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></p><p>Thomas Spinelli <small>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></p></div>			